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AGRICOLA, CRIS and CALS Workshops

The National Agricultural Library (NAL) will be sponsoring intensive introductory level AGRICOLA, CRIS, and CALS workshops this fiscal year. These workshops are designed to train librarians to use NAL's computerized information systems.

The workshops will emphasize online access to the CRIS (current research information) and AGRICOLA (agricultural literature) data bases, as well as the provision of CALS (current awareness literature service).

Topics covered will include: online systems access, Boolean logic, search strategy formulation, efficient search techniques, and proficiency in the searching of CRIS and AGRICOLA, as well as profile writing for CALS service. The workshops are designed to provide an overview of NAL services and an introduction to information retrieval through the use of AGRICOLA, CRIS, AND CALS.

The workshops are primarily intended for professional librarians and technical information specialists. However, researchers, scientists, or educators with a continuous need to search for agricultural information from an online system may also participate.

Twenty persons will be accepted for each workshop, with preference being given to individuals within the USDA community, the land-grant or agricultural universities, and other cooperating institutions. No prior online searching experience will be expected of participants.

Registrants will be responsible for their own lodging, meals, and transportation, but all equipment, manuals, and instructions will be provided. Extensive "hands on" experience in the use of the online system will be an integral part



of the course. Individuals wishing to attend the workshops should submit their requests on letterhead stationery to:

Educational Resources Staff
National Agricultural Library
Beltsville, Md. 20705
ATTN: David Hoyt

Requests for enrollment must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the workshop date. Emergency telephone reservations, or inquiries, may be made by calling (301) 344-3937.

Workshops will be held at the following dates and locations throughout the fiscal year:

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